

Partnerships in Your Community

Schools, parks, libraries and other cornerstones of your community are all candidates to become Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sites and sponsors! These places can fill the summer meal gap for children who are fed through free or reduced-price meals from the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Sites are encouraged to provide fun, enriching activities, such as trivia games, kickball, or jump rope, in addition to feeding children. Sponsors provide technical assistance and support the sites to achieve these goals. Here are a few ways you can bring new SFSP sponsors and sites to your community!

Sponsors:

- **School Districts:** School districts are familiar with serving meals and are strong candidates to sponsor the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO), through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). School districts have robust food storage capacity, which is a great characteristic for any SFSP sponsor.
- **Colleges & Universities:** Colleges and universities are ideal sponsors, like school districts, but have the even greater upside since they're open throughout the summer. They have numerous resources and host summer camps, which attract youth to the campus.
- **Department of Parks & Recreation:** The Department of Parks & Recreation often oversees community youth activities during the summer months. They can sponsor meals at their recreation centers, parks and other sites throughout the summer.

Sites:

- **Recreation Centers, Parks and Summer Camps:** Any safe place that attracts children during the summer is an outstanding candidate for an SFSP site. Rec centers, parks and summer camps are welcoming environments, with plenty of staff available to assist with meals service and provide activities to keep children entertained.
- **Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs):** FQHCs can serve as feeding sites, while providing health education activities and emphasizing the impact nutrition has on their health.
- **Churches:** Any church with a refrigerator and a fellowship hall or parking lot can be a summer feeding site! If a church hosts Vacation Bible School, it is a great fit for SFSP, since SFSP is like operating an ongoing VBS. Churches many times can "feel the pulse of the community," since they serve the people of the community so closely.



Summer Food Rocks!

Summer Meals Toolkit

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